

Minutes from Strategy Meeting (sailBaltic Association) MariTour WP 1

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1. Holger Bellgardt presented Minutes from Karlskrona.

2. Nordfors Laila: Presentation of the City Gävle as a new sail Baltic member from 2008.

3. Extension of the BS agreement for the next period of time (2008-2011).

· Gävle will start as a BS member in 2008. Klaipeda will not organize BS event in 2009 because of TSR (will not pay participation fee for this year – voted unanimously). Baltic Sail agreement will be sign in Gdansk and send to Karlskrona Szczecin is interested in the possibility to became sail Baltic member.

4. Draft of a letter of intent to sign the new agreement and to continue sail BALTCI co-operation.

5. New EU Project

In the EU financial perspective 2007 -2013 a new platform of co-operation between the Baltic countries – the South Baltic Cross-Border Co-operation Programme was created. The programme is an adequate instrument for sharing experience and developing joint action plans in the field of common maritime heritage under priority axis 2: Attractiveness and common identity. There are four measures for developing projects on maritime heritage preservation: Joint creation of sustainable tourism products (e.g. cross-border thematic

routes) respecting protection needs for natural and cultural heritage. Preparation and implementation of small scale pilot investments enhancing tourism infrastructure in the South Baltic (e.g. chains of tourist facilities along the Baltic sea coast, like small ports or yacht marinas).Capacity building actions and joint campaigns targeting cross-border networks of authorities responsible for management of natural and cultural heritage sites.

Joint actions promoting the South Baltic area as a tourist destination. The contribution of the EU funds will be up to 85% of eligible costs.The new programme will respect the lead partner principle. Project leaders will be responsible directly to the Secretariat. There is possible to delegate the coordination of the project on behalf of the project leader to an external expert hired

in the tender procedure. The programme will be available for: Meklemburg Vorpommern, Klaipeda region, South East of Sweden, Denmark – sea land, Bornholm and northern Poland.

6. Draft of a letter of intent to participate in a sail Baltic EU project.

6.1 Draft of a project description

At the beginning two projects concerning the idea of developing maritime tradition have been initiated - the SeaSide network and MarTrad. However on the meeting in Karlskrona last week there was decided to combine those two initiatives in one project proposal to be submitted to the Southern Baltic Programme. There would be many advantages of creating such a network.

Creating a permanent network of cities and maritime museums around the Baltic sea would be an added value to the project. Another important issue concerning the MarTrad project is to build up a co-operation platform of maritime museums within the Baltic sea via the Interreg programme. Moreover there are world heritage sites within the area covered by the network like for instance: Karlskrona, Helsingor, Visby, Stralsund, Marienburg. The focus of the project will be on maritime traditions celebrated and performed by people, exhibitions, festivals, and tourist events. The cruises of replicas, maritime oldtimers might be involved. The objective would be to better display the Baltic sea region as a tourist destination with a fantastic heritage background, make a good promotion of the region and develop maritime traditions into a trademark of the region. The project partners shall be city administrations, tourist organisations, operators of maritime museums, associations. Also tourists from European countries and overseas could be attracted by more efficient promotion of the maritime traditions within the Baltic. The results might be used by the Baltic Sail members and other networks around the Baltic sea.

6.2 Calculation sheet The project is to be realised in 2-3 years with the estimated budget around 1 500 000,00 euros (2 250 000,00 euros for a three years period). However two years seems to be too short period to build up something new. There is expected to involve in the MarTrad project 15 to 20 partners representing local and regional authorities as well as associations, museums and scientific institutions from all the countries covered by the Programme. The Technical Secretariat of the South Baltic Programme will be organised in Gdansk. The responsible body is the Polish Ministry of Regional Development. The first call for proposals is expected to be announced in February 2008.

7. Proposal and plans for joint activities 2008.

7.1. Join International Conference with European Maritime Heritage (last decision about the date of conference - October 2008). Topics:

- Maritime Heritage - “ Do we tell the story ?”
- Sailing: “Can we keep our skills ?”
- Ships: “who will sail them tomorrow?”
- Traditional shipping: are we allowed to?.

7.2. Boot Düsseldorf it is proposal for all BS cities.

8. Next meeting : KLAIPEDA , March 14th 2008 (Friday).